

# THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, Inc.

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## "D-3" OVER FENCES TEST SHEET

Candidate's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pony Club/Riding Center \_\_\_\_\_

District Commissioner/Center Administrator \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Before beginning test, Examiners must read "Guidelines for Club/Center Certifications – D-1 through C-2" and the D-3 Standard of Proficiency (SOP), including "Information for D Candidates," "Testing Information," and "Examiners." Examiner must have copy of the SOP with them during test to include Grid and Jumping Exercises chart. Examiner comments must give specific reasons if a candidate does not pass any phase. Examiner may ask questions from previous Standard tests.

**RIDING TEST EXPECTATIONS:** Candidate should ride in a basic balanced position with control at the walk, trot, and canter. Candidate should maintain a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.

**HORSE MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS:** The candidate should be able to demonstrate simple skills without assistance, and to discuss care of the mount, using common horse terms.

### WARM UP

- Demonstrate correct mounting (using mounting block if necessary).
- Adjust stirrups and girth with feet in the stirrups while mounted at the halt.
- Perform balancing and suppling exercises for rider at walk and trot under direction of examiner.
- Ride mount on flat demonstrating 20 meter circles at the trot and canter

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### RIDING OVER FENCES

- Rider over small gymnastic grid of trot poles followed by a cross rail, then a vertical set at, but not to exceed, 2'3" set at appropriate distances for mount's stride.

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- Jump a simple stadium course of five to seven obstacles including a simple oxer. The majority of fences should be set at but not to exceed 2'3".

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- Discuss performance and reasons for any disobedience.

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**KEY: ES = Exceeds Standard**

**M = Meets Standard**

**DNMS = Does Not Meet Standard**

RIDING IN THE OPEN		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ride safely with a group, at the walk and trot, over varied terrain, through shallow water and small ditches as occur in natural terrain.</li> </ul>		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jump four to five simple cross-country obstacles, the majority of fences at, but not to exceed, 2'3".</li> <li>Speed should not exceed 240 meters per minute or 300 meters per minute, appropriate for the size of mount.</li> </ul>		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss ways to control mount in the open</li> </ul>		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss performance with Examiner.</li> </ul>		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rider should show a secure base of support while developing balance and a steady position over fences.</li> </ul>		____ ES ____ DNMS ____ MS

**COMMENTS** (General impressions, suggestions for improvement):

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Sections requiring retesting: (up to total of two) **A candidate may be re tested as follows:**

- This test has a total of 9 sections.
- Retest to cover *not more than* two sections of the test.
- Retest must take place within one month and must be completed in one day.
- Failure of any section on that day will require retaking entire test.
- Retest must be recommended by original Examiner.

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 SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(Examiner for portions retested)